

Patuxent Lodge No. 218 A.F. & A.M.



March /April 2018

STATED COMMUNICATION

First Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Worshipful Master's Message

March – April 2018

From the East

Brethren, Family and Friends -

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Open Installation of Officers. What a wonderful reflection of our lodge members and officers! It meant a lot that many members brought their wives and families to the installation and everyone enjoyed the Chinese food dinner! We were honored to have Brother Charles Dean and his family in attendance to celebrate his 50 years of Masonic Service. His family was extremely appreciative of what the lodge did to recognize his service to the fraternity.

On Saturday March 3, we will confer the Entered Apprentice degree. This is the perfect opportunity to come out and renew old friendships, make new ones and support the line officers. Brother Bob Parsley, SW, will be in the East for the degree. The Two Eighteen Holding Corporation will also hold their annual membership meeting immediately following Lodge.

On Saturday April 7, Brother Charles Matulewicz, Dean of the Maryland Masonic Academy, will be our guest speaker. Several members will be making their Arch presentations for the Maryland Masonic Academy. The Maryland Masonic Academy is available on-line on the Maryland Masonic Membership Manager @ www.glmd.org You must be a Master Mason to take the on-line course. You can find it on the home page.

Saturday May 5, Patuxent Lodge Brotherhood Day. George Washington's Gavel will be present. Cleopatra's Needle will be presented.

On Monday, May 14, we will be traveling to Charlotte Hall to honor the Veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at 10:30 AM. Brother Simon LaPlace, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, will be the guest speaker.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 14, 2018, for the Southern Maryland Open Table Lodge. This is an open event, you are welcome to bring your wife or a non-mason or both. This is an opportunity to introduce someone to the fraternity.

Attend Lodge during your Masonic Birthday and let us honor you.

Finally, we are here to serve you -- please let us know if you or someone in your family has an illness or if you have good news to share with the members of your Lodge. If you have not attended Lodge in a while, please contact us so we can assist you in making you comfortable again in joining us at Lodge. I encourage all members to join us and continue supporting our younger brothers as they move through the degrees. Remember, a Lodge that's alive is worth the drive!

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular masons. May Brotherly Love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Terry Royce, PM
Worshipful Master

From the West

Brethren as the new officers prepare to move the lodge forward for the 2018 year I am excited to work with each of you to accomplish our task. I want to thank my fellow officers for the excellent rehearsals and work done in preparing to initiate our new entered apprentice in March. As we further prepare for this event I believe that it is imperative to know the ritual and deliver it as flawlessly as possible but delivering a flawless ritual for traditions sake is meaningless. We must understand the meaning of the words of the ritual we are providing so it becomes one of enlightenment for the candidate and the members. The Worshipful Master has set forth a busy schedule of events for the coming year. The success of these events and growth of Patuxent Lodge 218 rest on the shoulders of all members. Our growth as a Mason and a Lodge is contingent on us coming together to learn from each other. Masonry is not a magic pill whether you have just been raised to the sublime degree of Master mason or have been a member for fifty years you do not become a better person without the commitment of your own personal labor. I look forward to seeing you in lodge to share in the participation of the application of the tenets of our Fraternity while at labor as well as at refreshment.

May the blessings of God be with Patuxent Lodge 218.

S&F

Bob Parsley
Senior Warden

From the South

As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives.”

— Henry David Thoreau

Making paths. That is what Masons do. Thinking is what Masons do. How many paths have we made in our lives and our craft?

We have made paths for the coming year through our installations. We have made our paths through the degree work we confer. Many new faces with many paths to discover. Many old faces with paths to continue.

We would be wise to remember that our Masonic path is before us and we cannot move forward without the commitment to move forward.

We as a lodge are moving forward; our ranks are growing and they are growing with enthusiastic, eager to learn, and participating brothers. We are seekers of light.

Let our light shine on those in and without the craft. Let our search and thirst for knowledge be continual. Let's use that light to improve ourselves and the world around us.

Patuxent Lodge is moving on that path and with the thought that will lead and help dominate our quest for light.

Melvin Mason, Jr., PM
Junior Warden

Sick Report

Don Hamilton
Brenda Hamilton
Frank Wilburn
Janice Wilburn

If you or someone you know are sick or injured; please let me know. Conversely, if you know of a positive event (birth of a child, marriage, etc.) please let me know that as well.

Melvin Mason - JW

Masonic Manager: To create your personal account on the Maryland Masonic Manager Membership System, go www.glmd.org, click on sign in, then click on membership registration, Enter your Lodge number, membership number (from your dues card less the zero's in front) name (case sensitive) then click on Check membership status. Enter email and password. Once you have created your account, go www.glmd.org use your email and password to sign in. Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft can create their account by getting their membership number from the Lodge Secretary.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Willie H. Houchens

Born – 09/19/1939

EA – 03/16/1988 - FC – 09/28/1988 - MM – 12/14/1988

Passed – 01/24/2018

MWPGM B. Hope Harrison

Grand Master 1988 – 1990

Grand Lodge of Maryland

Born – 12-12-1929

Passed – 02-25-2018

Please keep the Families in your thoughts and prayers

Podcast: The Grand Lodge of Maryland produces a Podcast for their membership and their families. To subscribe, go to www.mdmasons.org, scroll down on the home page to Podcast

****Please Note****

Patuxent Lodge may hold a second communication on the third (3rd) Monday of the month at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

Catechism examination may be returned at any stated communication

Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft are welcome to attend all Stated Communications

Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Masons and their families are welcome to attend all open Lodge events.

Trestleboard for March

Mar. 01 @ 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge School of Instruction Centennial Lodge No. 174 Exemplification of Fellowcraft degree
Mar. 03 @ 10:00 AM 9:00 AM	Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Coffee and Donuts Business: Conferral of Entered Apprentice Degree Lunch served after the meeting Two Eighteen 218 Temple Holding Corporation Annual Meeting Lodge and Corporation Audits after the Corporation Meeting Scholarship Committee will review scholarship applications
Mar. 19 @ 7:30 PM	Officer Rehearsal Fellowcraft Degree
Mar. 22 @ 7:30 PM	Fraternal visit to St. Alban-Birmingham Lodge 233 Dinner – 6:15 PM Lodge 7:30 PM

Trestleboard for April

Apr. 05 @ 7:30 PM	Grand Lodge School of Instruction Centennial Lodge No. 174 Exemplification of MM Degree
Apr. 7 @ 10:00 AM	Patuxent Lodge Stated Communication Guest Speaker-Charles Matulewicz Dean of the Masonic Academy
April 16 @ 7:30 PM	Officer Rehearsal

Upcoming Events

May 5 @ 10:00 AM	Patuxent Lodge “Brotherhood Day” George Washington’s Gavel which was used to set the cornerstone of the United States Capitol will be present Cleopatra’s Needle will be the program presented
May 14 @ 10:30 AM	Honoring Veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Guest Speaker- Simon LaPlace, MSA Executive Secretary
June 18 @ 7:30 PM	Strawberry Night, Casual Dress Join us for a great night of Fellowship as we close out the first half of the year Open to family and friends
July 14 @ 6:00 PM	Southern Maryland Open Table Lodge Open to all Masons, family and friends Great way to introduce a Non-Mason to the fraternity
To Be Determined	Southern Maryland Brotherhood Day Baysox Stadium – Bowie, MD

Congratulations!!!

To our 50 year Masonic Birthday Milestone Member Charles Dean



Masonic Birthdays

March

George W. Allen, Jr., PM – 69 Yrs.

James W. Cloud, Jr., PM – 14 Yrs.

Dean D. Howard – 65 Yrs.

Michael. B. Liller – 32 Yrs.

Urban T. Peters, PM – 42 Yrs.

Marikhande Sissoko – 1 Yr.

Charles W. White – 56 Yrs.

April

Raul S. Azcueta – 23 Yrs.

George E. Baxter – 6 Yrs.

Timothy A. Chandler – 5 Yrs.

Kenneth B. Massey – 34 Yrs.

Clarence I. Meiggs – 52 Yrs.

Johnny L. Powell – 9 Yrs.

Donald F. Rogers – 44 Yrs.

Belmont J. Royce – 35 Yrs.

Melvin F. Tayman – 52 Yrs.

Joe F. Varnadore – 43 Yrs.

A Lesson for Freemasons or, a Series of Moral Observations on the Instruments of Masonry

From "The Spirit of Masonry" - 1843

The various instruments which we of this profession make use of, are all emblematical or picturesque of the conduct of life we ought to persevere in.

The SQUARE will teach us to square all our actions by this gospel rule and line, and to make our whole conduct harmonize with this most salutary scheme. Our behavior will be regular and uniform, not aspiring at things above our reach, nor pretending to things above our finite capacities, nor to affect things above what our circumstances can possibly bear. In our expenses, therefore, we shall neither ape those that are placed in a more exalted sphere, nor attend so much to the glitter of gold as to sink beneath our proper station; but we shall observe the golden mean, "And always to our acres join our sense, because 'tis use that sanctifies expense."

The COMPASSES will inform us that we should in every station learn to live within proper bounds that we may, therefore, be enabled to contribute freely and cheerfully to the relief of the necessities and indecencies of our fellow-creatures. Hence, we shall rise to notice, live with honor, and make our exit in humble hopes of compassing what ought to be the main pursuit of the most aspiring genius, a crown of glory.

The LEVEL should advise us that, since we are all descended from the same common stock, partake of the like nature, have the same faith and the same hope through the redemption, which render us naturally upon a level with one another, that we ought not to divest ourselves of the feelings of humanity; and though distinctions necessarily make a subordination among mankind, yet eminence of station should not make us forget that we are men, nor cause us to treat our brethren, because placed on the lowest spoke of the wheel of fortune, with contempt; because a time will come, and the wisest of men know not how soon, when all distinctions, except in goodness, will cease, and when death - that grand leveler of all human greatness - will bring us to a level at the last. From hence, too, the skeptic, the shallow reasoner, and babbling disputer of this world, may learn to forbear the measuring of infinity by the dull level of his own groveling capacity, and endeavor, by way of atonement for his insults upon everything that tends to mankind, either good or great, to vindicate the ways of God to man.

COMMITTEES FOR 2018

Communication Committee (telephone/web/mail)

Robert Parsley; Melvin Mason, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.;
Rick Mubarak; Melvin Harrison, PM

Sickness and Distress

Melvin Mason, PM; All Officers

Maryland CHIP Program

Rudy McCumber, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Robert Carhart, Jr.

By-Laws Committee

Melvin Harrison, PM; William Hines, PM; Rudy McCumber, PM; Wes Sudduth

Audit/Budget Committee

Robert Parsley; William Hines, PM; Melvin Harrison, PM; Melvin Mason, PM;
Robert Carhart, Jr.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Wes Sudduth; Robert Parsley;

Widow's Program

William Hines, PM

Membership

Melvin Mason, PM; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Rick Mubarak

Rehearsal/Catechism/Education

Wes Sudduth; Jose Cruz, Sr.; Rick Mubarak

Lodge Trustees

Rudy McCumber, PM-2018; Marlon Curtis, PM-2019; Kenyatta Galbreth, PM-2020

Scholarship Program

Robert Parsley; Rudy McCumber, PM; Harold Saintelien

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patuxentlodge218@gmail.com Check the calendar at www.patuxentlodge218.org for stated
meetings; rehearsals; Grand Lodge Schools and other Masonic events. Find us on Facebook at
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Past Masters

1926- 27	U.D.J. Hofferbert *	1970	Peter Cleland*
1927- 28	E. Robertson *	1971	Kenneth Hardesty*
1929	Thurston Brown *	1972	Norman Abney ~ *
1930	Floyd Martin *	1973	Harry Cotton
1931	Raymond Wilburn *	1974	James Arnold *
1932	F. Wright, Jr. *	1975	John Pierce, Jr. PM *
1933	H. Hotchkiss *	1976	James Hollis *
1934	Joseph Rawlings*	1977	Chilton Walker ~ *
1935	Readus Frye *	1978	James Davis *
1936	Carl Price *	1979	Raymond Williams, Jr. *
1937	Edwin Staats *	1980	William Hines PGI, PWAGT
1938	E. Gentle *	1981	Richard Price ~
1939	F. Colmus *	1982	Wilburn Jones PGI *
1940	Edward Schmidt *	1983	Gerald Rapson *
1941	L. Sylvester *	1984	Rudy McCumber
1942	Eliza Job *	1985	Urban Peters
1943	Preston Tate *	1986	Terry Royce
1944	Edwin Fisher *	1987	Charlie Smith, Jr. ~
1945	Vernon Keafauver *	1988	Richard Gould *
1946	C. Hoofring *	1989	John Sullivan ~
1947	Jules DuBost *	1990	Brooks Dodson, Jr. *
1948	Aubrey Amos *	1991	David Hamrick \$
1949	Charles Wilson *	1992	Boris Tenner * PM PGI PWSGS
1950	August Duchene *	1993	Melvin Harrison, WPGT PGI
1951	Norris Robinson *	1994-95	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1952	William Alvey *	1994	Leonard Proden + MWPGM-DC
1953	C. Hubbard ~ *	1996	Urban Peters, PM PGI
1953	John Ball * #	1997	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1954	F. Freeman *	1998-99	John Gluth PM + *
1955	Chester Towns *	2000-03	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1956	James Patterson *	2001	Frank Wilburn +
1957	Charles Gidden *	2002-03	Thomas Mason PGI +
1958	Flory Diehl * PRWSGW	2003-07-09-10	Melvin Mason PGI +
1959	Hector Gellerson *	2004	Frank Wilburn PM
1960	George Allen, Jr.	2004	Glynn Owens * #
1961	Lloyd Bertholf *	2005	Oswald Lockard, PM + *
1962	George McCullogh *	2006-08	Urban Peters, PM PGI
1963	Gordon Pearson ~ *	2008	James Cloud, Jr. +
1964	Reidar Haug *	2009	Grover Brewer
1965	Jesse Ross *	2010-11	Terry Royce, PM PWGP
1966	Joseph Harris *	2012	Gerald Poe, Jr.
1967	William McPherson *	2012-13	Steven Walls, PM PJGS GI +
1968	John Pierce, Jr. *	2013-14	Rudy McCumber, PM PJGS PGI
1969	Boris Tenner * PGI	2015 - 16	Marlon Curtis, PM
		2017	Kenyatta Galbreth

* Deceased ~ Demitted + Affiliated # Honorary \$ Dropped